



ABSOLUTE POWER

TASK FORCE VII

THE FURY OF FAILSAFE



PICHETSHOTE - ROE - LOUGHRIDGE

13+
TEEN

WAR THROUGH THE EYES OF EVIL!

KEEPING HEROES IN LINE WITH A SNAP OF HER FINGERS!

JENNY SPARKS



THE LEADER OF
THE AUTHORITY
RETURNS FOR
THE 21ST CENTURY IN
AN ACTION-PACKED
NEW SERIES!

From Eisner Award winner

TOM KING

With art by

JEFF SPOKES



**BLACK
LABEL**

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GOTHAM CITY.

"Batman
always wins."

It's a mantra
I've heard
repeated often
in Gotham.

When
situations
are dire.

When life
feels bleak.

**VOODOO,
PRISCILLA KITAEN.**

It reassures
people there's
order.

That "God
has a plan."

Though
every year...

...it's said through
increasingly
gripped teeth.

THE MAZE OF OWLS.

*Because every
year, life seems
harder.*

*The threats seem
tougher. The villainy--
somehow more
shameless than ever.*

*Despite everyone's
best efforts--*

*--there seems no
consequence for
doing wrong.
No justice.*

*But Gotham has
no choice but to
keep the faith.*

*So they keep
repeating--*



--"Batman
always wins."

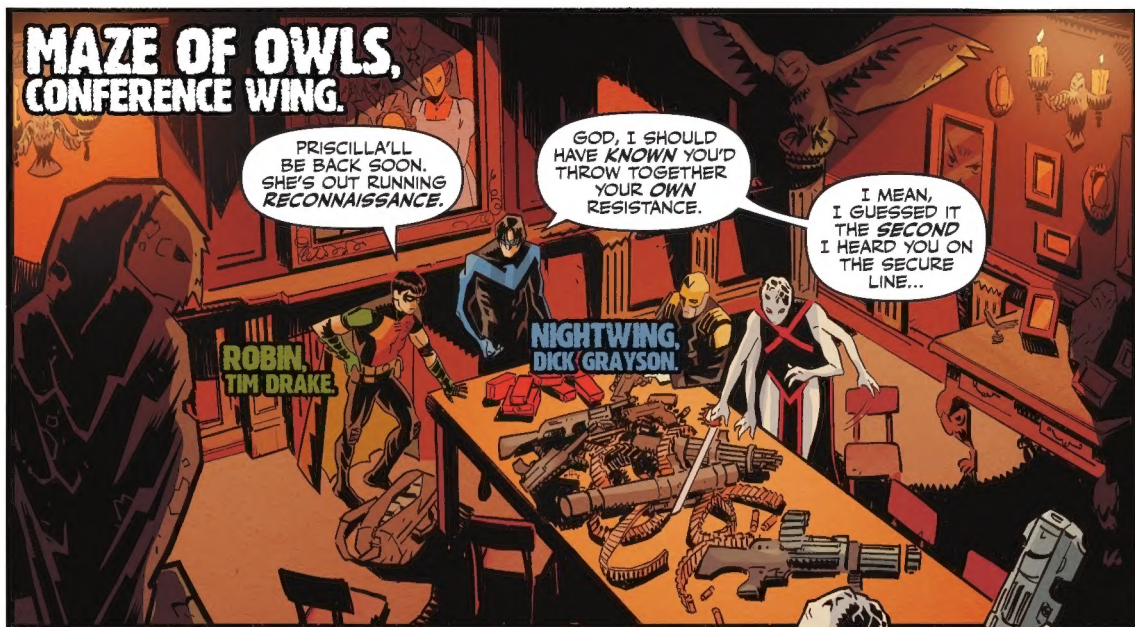
FAILSAFE.

AMANDA WALLER HAS WON. A PLANETWIDE BLITZKRIEG HAS ROBBED THE WORLD'S METAHUMANS OF THEIR SUPERPOWERS AND RESOURCES. THOSE FEW WHO HAVE THUS FAR EVADED CAPTURE ARE FUGITIVES ON THE RUN, HUNTED MERCILESSLY BY TASK FORCE VII, A REGIMENT OF UNSTOPPABLE AMAZONS BUILT BY WALLER'S ALLIES, FAILSAFE AND THE BRAINIAC QUEEN.

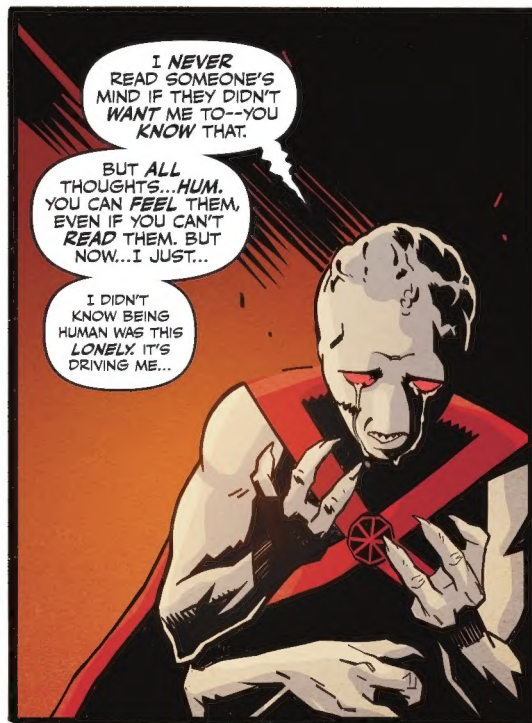
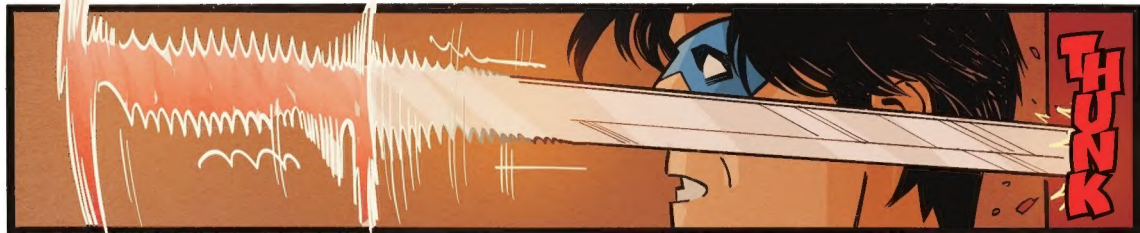
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POWER**

**JUST
WIN**

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BUT ALL THOUGHTS...HUM. YOU CAN FEEL THEM, EVEN IF YOU CAN'T READ THEM. BUT NOW...I JUST...

I DIDN'T KNOW BEING HUMAN WAS THIS LONELY. IT'S DRIVING ME...



Priscilla Kitaen's history with an alien race gave her a form of low-level psychic ability. Which we've taken.

But she's trained considerably in hand-to-hand combat.

Which in this case...

...is also useless.



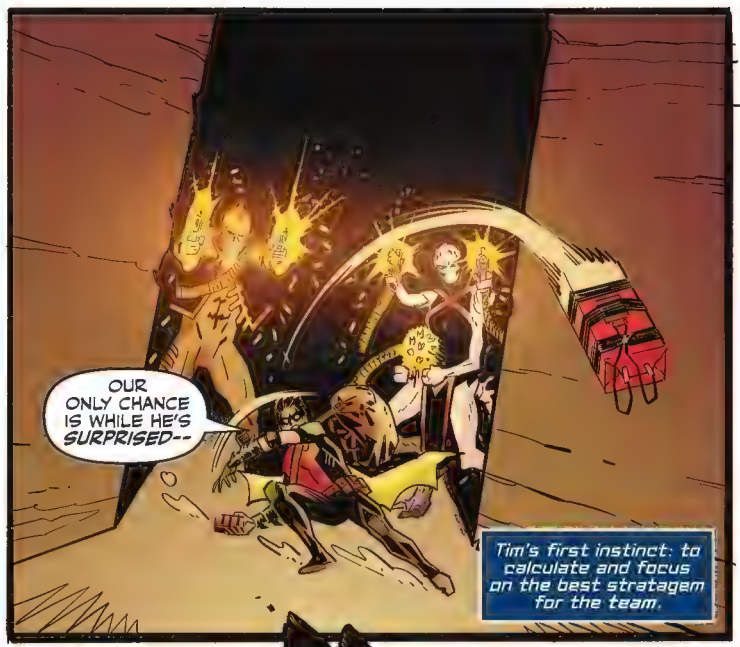
Of course, Dick leads the charge.

The first Robin, he's synonymous with leaping before he looks. Especially when innocents are threatened.



A lifetime of training having barely kept that empathy from becoming a liability.







Start with her.

AAAAAIEEEEE!

KRAK!



And for the next thirty seconds--



HER--HER

ARM--

--HE--HE
BROKE IT
LIKE--



YOU--



--they'll all
react.

--MONSTER!

SHE'S
JUST A--

GRAB

--AAARGGHH!



N-NIGHTWING!

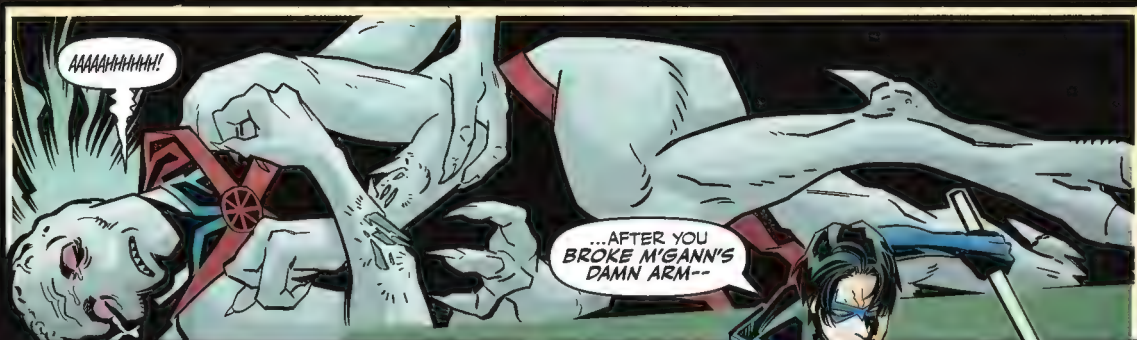




...YOU
REALLY WANT
TO SEE HOW MUCH
WORSE IT'LL GET
FOR US BAD
GUYS?

WHAT
IN THE
HELL...?

"IF YOU THINK I'M LISTENING
TO ANYTHING YOU SAY..."



...AFTER YOU
BROKE M'GANN'S
DAMN ARM--



AND YOU
COULDN'T DO THAT,
COULD YOU?

CRIPPLE A
CHILD TO SAVE
A PERSON.



WHAT ABOUT
TO SAVE A
FAMILY?

OR A
CITY?

YOU KNOW
BATMAN'S PURPOSE,
DICK. TO MAKE SURE
NO ONE DIES. NOT
EVEN HIS ENEMIES.



NOT
EVEN
YOU

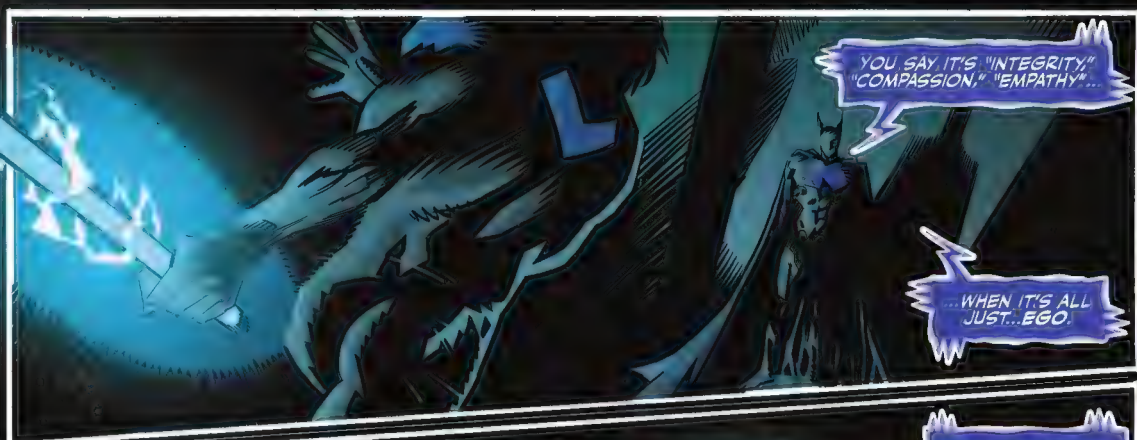


AND YOU--ALL OF
YOU--WILL GET
YOURSELVES KILLED.

DON'T YOU
FEEL IT?

HOW NO ONE BELIEVES
PEOPLE WHO DO WRONG ARE
PUNISHED ANYMORE?

BUT YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS
KEEP FIGHTING THE PROBLEM
THE SAME WAY.

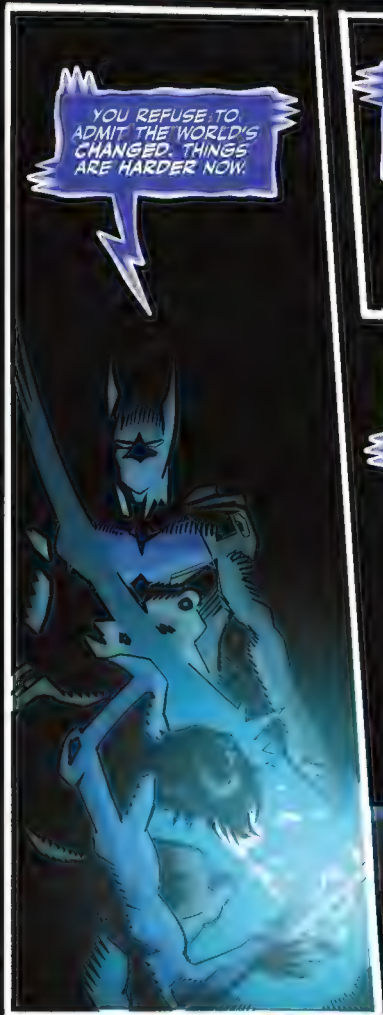


YOU SAY IT'S "INTEGRITY,"
"COMPASSION," "EMPATHY"...

...WHEN IT'S ALL
JUST...EGO.



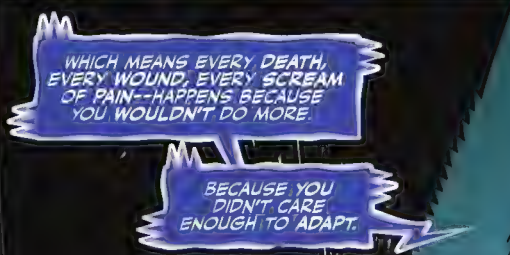
LINES IN THE
SAND SO YOU CAN
FEEL SUPERIOR...
WHILE INNOCENTS
DIE, BECAUSE
YOU HOLD BACK.



YOU REFUSE TO
ADMIT THE WORLD'S
CHANGED. THINGS
ARE HARDER NOW.

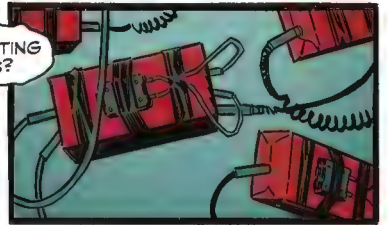
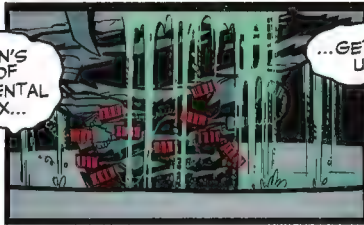


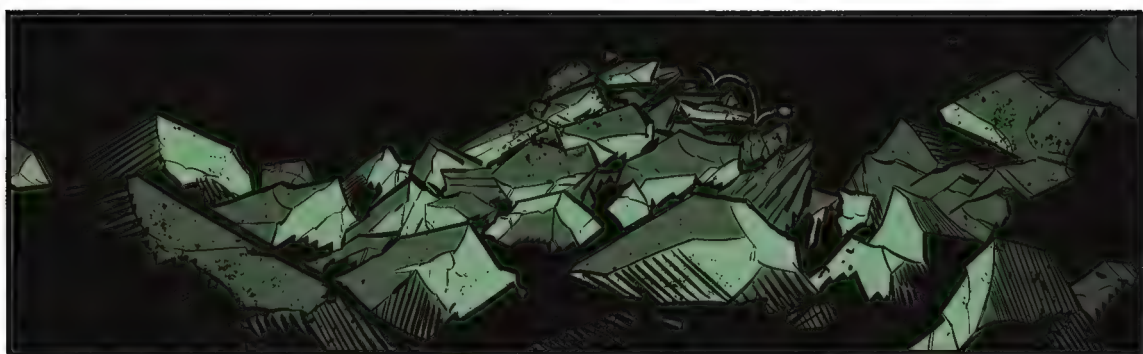
YOU'RE A LEADER.
YOU NATURALLY INSPIRE
PEOPLE TO FOLLOW
YOUR EXAMPLE TO
DO WHAT YOU DO.



WHICH MEANS EVERY DEATH,
EVERY WOUND, EVERY SCREAM
OF PAIN--HAPPENS BECAUSE
YOU WOULDN'T DO MORE.

BECAUSE YOU
DIDN'T CARE
ENOUGH TO ADAPT.

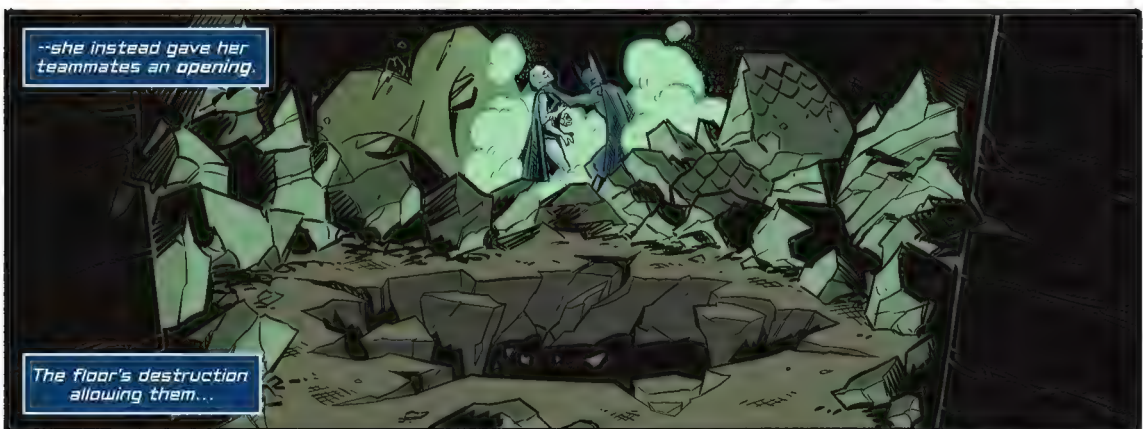




*The alien will be proud
when she awakes.*



*Correctly deducing her
explosives wouldn't
damage me permanently--*



*--she instead gave her
teammates an opening.*

*The floor's destruction
allowing them...*



*to escape through
the underground river
they were undoubtedly
told forked beneath
the Maze of Owls.*

*M'Gann should be
proud. She won.*



KOFF
KOFF
M'GANN...

WE CAN'T
GO BACK. OUR
ONLY CHANCE IS
TO KEEP
MOVING.

But Batman plans for
everything--especially
seeming defeat.

A born acrobat, Dick
is unaccustomed to
being off-balance.



And it was obvious--
he knew I was right.
And Dick has always
led by his confident
example.

Because the truth has
become undeniable.
The world has changed.
It's tougher now.



Protecting yourself
means having to be harder
than ever. Colder.

And protecting is
what Batman does.
because ultimately...

I'M--
I'M SURE
SHE'S--SHE'S
ALL RIGHT--

SHE
BETTER
BE.

BECAUSE IF
SHE ISN'T, GOD
HELP ME...



...I'LL STORM WALLER'S PRISON
MYSELF AND FEEL SORRY FOR ANYONE
TRYING TO STOP ME FROM TEARING
THAT DAMN ROBOT APART
LIMB FROM LIMB.

...Batman
always wins.

**NEXT: A RACE TO THE
DEATH WITH VELOCITY!**

WHO HAS JOINED THE TRINITY OF EVIL?

ABSOLUTE POWER #2

THINGS GO FROM BAD TO WORSE FOR DC'S
HEROES, COURTESY OF THE SUPERSTAR TEAM OF
MARK WAID and DAN MORA!

AUGUST



TASK FORCE VII DOMINATES THE DC UNIVERSE!



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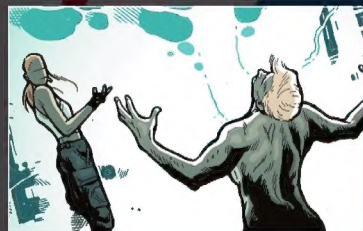
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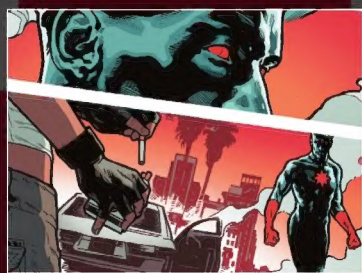
When Captain Atom goes rogue, threatening to destroy the planet he once swore to protect, it'll take one of DC's most unconventional heroes to stop him.

Jenny Sparks, the Spirit of the 20th Century, entered this Earth at the stroke of midnight on January 1, 1900, and hasn't stopped her crusade for justice since. In our world, Jenny Sparks debuted in *Stormwatch* #37, and soon became a fan-favorite character in the revolutionary series *The Authority*.

With a snap of her fingers, she can dig into the lives of the most powerful people on the planet and fight back against their corruption. This August, Jenny Sparks is resurrected in the 21st century for a brand-new adventure in a seven-issue DC Black Label series from Eisner Award-winning writer Tom King and rising star artist Jeff Spokes.



King described *Jenny Sparks* as the character's mission to "save five men and women taken hostage by an out-of-control and infinitely powered Captain Atom. Through this lens, we'll explore the grip of Jenny's time on our own; how, despite all our desperate prayers, the sins of our past refuse to die away."



"*Jenny Sparks* is an epic, thrilling, mind-blowing series in the tradition of *Strange Adventures*, *Mister Miracle*, and *The Human Target*," King said. "*Jenny Sparks* seeks to set the bar in superhero comics, to show how our heroes can illuminate and define our moment."



Art featured by Jeff Spokes

DON'T MISS JENNY SPARKS #1, ON SALE THIS AUGUST

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